



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held September 16, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Antonovich:

“The Metrolink crash on September 12, 2008, which claimed the lives of at least 25 people and injured many more, has brought attention to the lack of adequate Federal investment in our rail infrastructure in Los Angeles County. Home to the largest ports in the United States, which handle 40% of all containers entering and exiting the country, Los Angeles County has an excess of demand on its rails for both passenger and freight trains.

“Acquiring the Federal funding to better coordinate these trains and implement advanced safety measures and infrastructure improvements should be a top priority for Los Angeles County’s legislative advocacy efforts.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, and by common consent, there being no objection, the Chief Executive Officer was instructed to:

1. Immediately amend our Federal Advocacy Program to include, as a high priority for Los Angeles County, funding for the following items related to rail safety and infrastructure:
 - Train coordination and communication technology;
 - Grade separations;
 - Double tracking, expansion of track and straightening of track;
 - Improved signals;
 - Pilot programs to test new technologies; and

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- Other items that the Chief Executive Officer in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and Metrolink deem critical to upgrading our rail system in Los Angeles County; and
2. Send a 5-signature letter to all members of our State and Congressional Delegations, as well as the appropriate Federal agencies and leaders, informing them of Los Angeles County's request for further funding to improve our rail system to avoid future devastating accidents.

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